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Amendments to the Specification:

[0018] Referring to FIG. 1, a supporting column 30 comprises a main body 31 and a stiff shaft 33. The main body 31 may be formed of resin, such as, by injection molding. The main body 31 comprises a half-sleeve shaft 319 with pairs of holding portions 318 (shown in FIG. 4) and a plurality of parallel wing panels 317 encircling portions of the half-sleeve shaft 319. The half-sleeve shaft 319 has a C-shaped cross section and defines an axial bore 315 along an axial direction. The shape of the wing panels 317 is round or approximately round, or tongue-shaped. The wing panels 317 are formed perpendicular to the half-sleeve shaft 319 and spaced apart from one another a predetermined distance. A space interval 311 is defined between neighboring wing panels. The stiff shaft 33 is made of metal. The stiff shaft 33 has threaded holes 331 defined in opposite ends thereof. In assembly, the stiff shaft 33 is retainably received in the axial bore 315 of the main body 31. The holding portions 338 extend along a circumference of the stiff shaft 33 beyond half circumference and space apart each other in the axis direction. Each pair of holding portions 338 can be connected as a ring for better holding function.